

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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FAR EASTERN SHIPPING CO., PLC :

Plaintiff, :

- against - :

MINERMET S.A., :

Defendant. :
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08 Civ. 1292 (CM)

ECF CASE

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PRAYER FOR MARITIME ATTACHMENT

State of Connecticut)

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ss: Town of Southport

County of Fairfield)

Kevin J. Lennon, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am a member of the Bar of this Court and represent the Plaintiff herein. I am familiar with the facts of this case and make this Affidavit in support of Plaintiff's prayer for the issuance of a Writ of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment, pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Admiralty Rules of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

DEFENDANT IS NOT PRESENT IN THIS DISTRICT

2. I have attempted to locate the Defendant, MINERMET S.A. within this District. As part of my investigation to locate the Defendant within this District, I checked the telephone company information directory, as well as the white and yellow pages for New York listed on the Internet or World Wide Web, and did not find any listing for the Defendant within this district. Finally, I checked the New York State Department of Corporations' online database which showed no listing or registration for this Defendant. I was also unable to find any information to indicate that the Defendant has a general or managing agent within this District.

3. I did locate a website believed to be owned and operated by the Defendant hosted at www.minermet-group.com. Review of the various pages maintained on Defendant's website, including a page listing Defendant's offices and contact details, did not show the Defendant to have any presence within this District.

4. I submit based on the foregoing that this Defendant cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims.

5. Upon information and belief, the Defendant has, or will have during the pendency of this action, tangible and intangible property within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court, held in the hands of in the hands of garnishees within this District, which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendant.

6. This is Plaintiffs first request for this relief made to any Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF FOR ORDER ALLOWING SPECIAL PROCESS SERVER

7. Plaintiffs seek an Order pursuant to Rule 4(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for an Order appointing the undersigned, Patrick F. Lennon, Charles E. Murphy, Nancy Peterson or any other partner, associate, paralegal or agent of Lennon, Murphy & Lennon, LLC be and is hereby appointed, in addition to the United States Marshal, to serve the Ex Parte Order, Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment and the Verified Complaint, together with any interrogatories, upon the garnishee(s), together with any other garnishee(s) who (based upon information developed subsequent hereto by the Plaintiff) may hold assets of, for or on account of, the Defendant.

8. Plaintiff seeks to serve the requested Ex Parte Order and Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment with all deliberate speed so that it may be fully protected against the potential of being unable to satisfy a judgment ultimately obtained by Plaintiff and entered against the Defendant.

9. To the extent that this application for an Order appointing a special process server with respect to this attachment and garnishment does not involve a restraint of physical property, there is no need to require that the service be effected by the Marshal as it involves simple delivery of the Ex Parte Order and Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment to the various garnishees that are to be identified in the writ issued by the Clerk of Court.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF TO SERVE LATER IDENTIFIED GARNISHEES

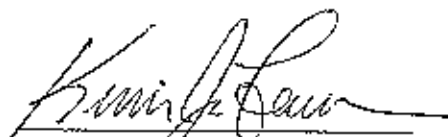
10. Plaintiff also respectfully requests that the Court grant them leave to serve any additional garnishee(s) who may, upon information and belief obtained in the course of this litigation, found to be holding, or believed to be holding, property of the Defendant, within this District. Obtaining leave of Court at this time to serve any later identified garnishees will allow for prompt service of the Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment without the need to present to the Court an amended Process identifying any such other garnishee(s).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF TO DEEM SERVICE CONTINUOUS

11. Further, in order to avoid the need to repetitively serve the garnishees/banks, Plaintiff respectfully seeks further leave of the Court, as set out in the accompanying Ex Parte Order for Process of Maritime Attachment, for an Order providing that any process that is served on a garnishee as described above is deemed to be effective and continuous service throughout the remainder of the day upon which service is made commencing from the time of such service; and such service is further deemed to be effective through the end of the next business day,

provided that another service is made that day; and to authorize service of process via facsimile or e-mail following initial *in personam* service.

Dated: February 8, 2008
Southport, CT


Kevin J. Lennon

Sworn and subscribed to before me
this 8th day of February, 2008.


Notary Public